Muslims in the Co-operative Department.

45. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Muslim officer in the Department of Co-operative Societies?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Muslims qualified for Magistrates' places.

46. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there are Muslims in the Huzur and the Account Offices eligible for appointment as Magistrates?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are aware that there are Muslims in the Huzur Office and the Account Office who are qualified for appointment as Magistrates.

Law re Wakf.

47. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Muslims in the State desire to have an enactment relating to *wakf* properties?

(*b*) Have any representations been made by representatives of the Muslims including myself in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly calling the attention of the Government to the necessity for changing the *Marumakkattayam* law among the Muslims of some places which is un-Islamic into *Makkattayam* Mahomedan law?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative in each case.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): അവയെസംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവ ണ്മെൻറു വല്ലതും ചെയ്യണമെന്നുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Not at present.

Muslims in Public Service.

48. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there is an uneasiness among the Muslims in the State regarding the discouragement they meet with in the public service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. But recently they have received resolutions of a few meetings, held at Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad and Alleppey, praying for the appointment of more Muslims in the public service.

Muslims in the Forest Department.

49. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Muslims employed in the Forest Department as clerks, Rangers and Foresters?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Opening of a School for Muslim Girls at Quilon.

50. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Muslims of Quilon have repeatedly prayed for an Elementary Girls' School at Quilon;

(*b*) whether they have taken any action on it; and

(*c*) whether the people have not even pointed out the site to the authorities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Petitions praying for the opening of an Elementary School for girls at Quilon have been received from the Muslims of the place.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The people pointed out two sites but neither of them is available for the school. The Inspectress of Girls' Schools has been asked to go into the matter.

Recruitment of Muslims to the Judicial Department.

51. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Muslim community has a real grievance as far as the recruitment to the Judicial Department is concerned?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Representations have been made to the Government that Muslims desire more appointments in the Department.

Applications from Muslims for Munsiffs' posts.

52. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that some of the qualified Muslims have applied for the posts of Munsiffs?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

Claims of Backward communities in the matter of Recruitment to Public Service.

53. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any truth in the statement that, in the matter of recruitment to public service, they specially consider the claims of backward communities; and

(*b*) whether they ever gave the Heads of Departments any intimation regarding preferential treatment in the case of backward communities when applications from different persons with necessary qualifications come before an officer who has the power to make appointments?

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* *Vide* Appendix II—page 78.

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